

USAID/South Asia Regional Operational Plan

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Program Performance Summary FY 2005: ANE Bureau regional strategic objectives in South Asia include the South Asia Regional Initiative in Energy. Progress has been good.

USAID's South Asia Regional Initiative in Energy (SARI/Energy) has facilitated the exchange of best practices among member countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, the Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. In FY 2005, USAID continued to provide regulatory and tariff setting training for governments and the private sector. Through SARI/Energy, USAID established the Rural Energy Training Network, linking development institutions and utilities. Training in Sri Lanka helped produce an amicable solution between trade unions and the government for the re-structuring of the Ceylon Electricity Board. USAID-sponsored exchanges enabled the Power Grid Corporation of Bangladesh to access and adapt to its own needs India's Codes and Standards for Hot Line Maintenance. The program helped launch the Sustainable Guarantee Fund in Sri Lanka in FY2005 to enable commercial energy-efficiency and conservation projects by ensuring partial host-government financial guarantees for investments of \$3 million and less. USAID continues to leverage extensive media coverage on regional energy cooperation, with more than 500 newspaper and magazine articles published in member countries and nearly 30 stories aired on regional television channels.

FY 2006 Program**SO: 398-001 South Asia Regional Initiative/Energy****Expand & Improve Access To Economic & Social Infrastructure**

Expand and Improve Access To Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$4,941,000 DA; \$990,000 ESF). The program objective is to increase access to diversified, clean energy and harmonizing markets to enable regional energy trade. Specifically, USAID efforts facilitate investments in cross-border energy infrastructure; continuing partnership areas targeting capacity building for 50-80 senior level executives from South Asia; providing management and organization support to the South Asia Regional Energy Coalition (SAREC), expanding membership, developing public-private partnerships, and making SAREC operationally sustainable; and commissioning solar and wind mapping studies for development of regional renewable energy resources in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

This objective is achieved by providing technical assistance and training support to key players including governments, regulators, the private sector, institutions, and non-government organizations (NGOs). USAID will focus on a market initiative to address barriers to and provide training for mechanisms that will facilitate regional trade and investment. Principal Implementers: Nexant, Inc., the U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Energy Association (USEA), and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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Expand & Improve Access To Economic & Social Infrastructure (\$5,000,000 DA). SARI/Energy is a key U.S. Government program that brings Pakistan and India together, serving as a vehicle for dialogue in a development sector of vital importance to economic growth and poverty reduction in both countries. Initiatives in regulatory reform, capacity building, technology transfer, and renewable energy development will continue. Principal Implementers: NREL, DOE, and USEA.

Results Framework

398-001 South Asia Regional Initiative/Energy

Program Title: Promote Energy Security in South Asia

1.1: Increased access to diversified clean energy supply

1.2: Harmonize markets to enable regional energy trade

Discussion: The SARI/Energy program has recently undergone a program review as a result of which its results framework has been modified. The indicators, therefore, are also being changed, based on these revisions. The SO-level indicator provided here, and other proposed IR-level indicators are still in the process of being vetted by concerned stakeholders, since being a regional program, the consensus of all regional players is essential. This indicator has been provided for information sake.